

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Page 1, between lines 1 and 3, insert

-- Background of the Invention:

Field of the Invention: --.

Page 2, between lines 7 and 9, insert

-- Summary of the Invention: --.

Page 2, replace the paragraph between lines 15 and 16 with the following new paragraph:

With the foregoing and other objects in view there is provided, in accordance with the invention, a shopping cart or transport container, comprising a surface of the shopping cart or transport container composed completely or partially of hydrophobic material or superhydrophobic material and/or completely or partially of ion-releasing material.

Page 4, between lines 2 and 4, insert

-- Brief Description of the Drawings: --.

Page 4, between lines 9 and 11, insert

-- Description of the Preferred Embodiments: --.

Page 6, line 1, ~~Claims~~We claim:

Page 6, line 3, ~~Shopping cart or transport container.~~